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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
L. SHAPIRO

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Title: INHIBITORS OF SERINE PROTEASE ACTIVITY, METHODS AND  
COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATMENT OF VIRAL INFECTIONS

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2001, Paper No. 11, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-45 are presently pending in the application. Claims 1-39 and 43-45 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as being drawn to non-elected subject matter. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

**Response to Species Election**

In the Office Action mailed July 5, 2001, the Examiner has required that an election of species be made under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Specifically, the Examiner requires an election of "a specific compound (encompassed by Group 13) which exhibits AAT activity or AAT-like activity" and election of "either a specific HIV protease inhibitor, or a specific HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitor." Applicant respectfully traverses this election of species requirement.